



Federal Pharmacy Partnership Strategy for COVID-19 Vaccination - Phase 2

Please read: action items must be completed to receive allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine when program starts

As we shared last week, AmerisourceBergen continues to work with the CDC to prepare for Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Vaccine Federal Network Partnership and we are hopeful that some of our participating pharmacies who have completed the readiness steps listed below may be selected by the CDC in coordination with local jurisdictions to help with Phase 1. We highly encourage all participating pharmacies to ensure the below action items are completed now, so everyone is ready when the CDC notifies us that we can participate.

If the steps are not completed, AmerisourceBergen will not be allowed to allocate product to your pharmacy. We reached out to all our participating pharmacies last week and while we are making great progress in our preparation steps, we still have work to do. We have prioritized the list below so **please act today**. I am also excited that as we continue to learn from the CDC and independent pharmacies that are currently immunizing, we are sharing additional best practices below.

- **VaccineFinder registration** – pharmacies must register a separate account for the Federal Phase 2 Program. If you did not receive a registration email from VaccineFinder, contact vaccinefinder@castlighthealth.com. [Click here](#) for a VaccineFinder user guide.
- **Immunization Information System (IIS) setup** – pharmacies must be able to report to their local IIS. Local IIS contacts are [listed here](#).
- **Completion of mandatory CDC Training through GNPUniversity.**
- **Scheduling** – The CDC is requiring appointments for all COVID19 vaccinations, and pharmacies must have a plan in place for second-dose scheduling. Suggested vendors are listed in our [Implementation Guide](#).
- **Patient Screening Requirement** – Pharmacies must have the capability to screen patients and determine eligibility for the vaccine based on the state or local jurisdiction's requirements. Ensure that all guidance from the state and/or local jurisdiction is reflected in your screening form.
- **Additional details and requirements can be found in the [Implementation Guide](#)**. Be sure to refresh the browser after opening this resource to ensure you are viewing the latest version.

Quick questionnaire – answers required

The CDC has asked AmerisourceBergen to report on the number of pharmacies that are able to report to their local IIS as well as pharmacies that are currently using a scheduling tool for vaccine administration. [Please click here](#) to fill out the required information if you have not already done so. Note: Even if you do not report to your local IIS and/or use a scheduling tool, your input is still required. If your state does not require an IIS number, but you are reporting to your state, please enter your NCPDP number.

Additional requirements, materials, and best practices

Patients must receive the relevant [EUA Fact sheet](#) prior to their COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment. It's recommended that you leverage your scheduling tool to provide the EUA Fact sheet and other required paperwork to patients when they schedule their appointments. Suggested scheduling tools and a list of all required paperwork are available in our [Implementation Guide](#). Additional technology may also be used to share the EUA Fast Sheet proactively, including but not limited to your website, social media, or app.

Ensure that you have a plan in place for second-dose scheduling. There is a high demand for the vaccine in many areas and planning how you communicate with and schedule patients will help streamline their expectations and experience.

Think proactively about a patient observation area. Patients must be monitored for adverse events for at least 15 minutes post-vaccination within line of sight to the clinician. This space must also allow patients to be socially distanced at least six feet apart.

Determine your marketing strategy for the COVID-19 vaccine. Social media is one of the quickest methods of communication to keep your patients informed with news about the vaccine. Keep social media up to date with details on scheduling guidance, vaccine education, and more.

Marketing materials are now available on [Brand Central Station](#) and [SOCi](#) in the "COVID-19 Vaccine" libraries. Elevate members can access marketing materials in the [Patient Engagement Center](#). Participating *Good Neighbor Pharmacy* members will receive COVID-19 vaccine materials in the March Front-End Kit the week of February 22.

Resources

Visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#) regularly for the most up-to-date resources and past issues of this newsletter. Be sure to refresh the browser after opening each resource to ensure you are viewing the most up-to-date version.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Guide](#)
- [CDC Required COVID-19 Vaccine Training Access Guide](#)
- [COVID-19 Program FAQ](#)
- Access marketing materials on [Brand Central Station](#) and [SOCi](#)
- *Elevate members can also access marketing materials in the [Patient Engagement Center](#)*

Have questions?

Please continue to reach out to COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com with questions. If for any reason you no longer wish to participate in our Federal Network Administrator program, please email your sales executive.